



**SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, August 25, 2005  
Minutes**

**Members in attendance:**

Rick Smith  
Debby Reimers  
Michael Martin  
Dan Anderson  
Wally Hill  
Al Stimac  
Lisa Giltner  
Roger Cooper  
Judy Putz  
Cindy Gennell

**Staff in attendance:**

Mark Lichtenheld  
Heidi Miller  
Jeff Hayes  
Amy Raub (Natural Lands)

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Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call was held.

The minutes from the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved unanimously.

**New business:**

FRDAP Grant

Amy Raub presented the FRDAP Grant application for approval by the committee. The grant asks for \$200,000 for boardwalk in the Black Hammock Wilderness Area covering 18,000 linear feet of area to give access to pedestrians through mixed hardwood swamp. The match for the grant will come from the land value. Also this project will connect the Flagler Trail in the future. The land is owned by the Seminole County Natural Lands Department.

A public meeting will take place on September 8, 2005 in the CSB (Room 3024) at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to endorse the FRDAP Grant, Ms. Gennell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### **Related Reports:**

**BPAC** - No report

**Natural Lands** - FRDAP Grant application (see "New Business")

**FNST** – Mr. Hill reported that there was a significant amount of dirt washed away at the north end of the Little Big Econ bridge. Mr. Hill also reported that the FNST will be re-routed in the Dr. Green property area.

**Bicycle** - No report

**Development Review** – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that the County Commission is seeking to complete the Seminole Wekiva Trail Extension to the Wekiva River. Staff is in the process of seeking out a satisfactory alignment. However, after completion, visitors will still not be able to view the river without construction of an overlook structure. Staff is looking to extend the trail as far as possible. This section will be unpaved and will be designed and built in partnership with Forest Service.

Mr. Lichtenheld reported that staff has received plans from the Florida Department of Transportation for the C.R. 415 extension into Volusia County. Seminole County is working with Volusia County. The new C.R. 415 bridge will have 14 foot sidewalk/trail for future connection to Volusia County.

Ms. Reimers asked if developers in general are contributing to trail construction. Mr. Lichtenheld replied that Seminole County can only legally ask developers to put the sidewalk in during construction, but often they will widen them to trail standards to help out.

**Coordination/Planning** – Mr. Lichtenheld reported that the SJRWMD is holding a meeting this week. St. John's trying to get all counties involved in the St. Johns River Alliance.

**Design & Construction** - Mr. Lichtenheld showed the committee photos of recent trail construction.

CST North: the construction on this section is moving along well, should be completed within 30 days

Ms. Gennell inquired about the status of the CST section between Layer Elementary School and Lake Mary. Mr. Lichtenheld responded that the

redevelopment of Soldier Creek Park is slowing things down and that staff is waiting on the City of Winter Springs to finalize the design. He also reported on some damage behind Winter Springs High School due to vandalism. Ms. Gennell mentioned that Vandalism could be fought with forced community service hours for offenders.

Kewannee Trail: Construction is on target and both Phases should be completed by Spring 2006.

Ms. Giltner reported that she had a meeting with Commissioner Carey to determine access to Lake Jesup Trail. Residents and community can access through the north section. No action needed from Committee or Seminole County.

Ms. Gennell asked about the Cady Way connection. Mr. Lichtenheld responded that Orange County is not completely on schedule and are still working out budget issues, etc. The trail has been extended to the Seminole County line at S.R. 426 & Hall Road, where it meets the Cross Seminole Trail South Phase I. The missing link to the Cady Way Trail is the S.R. 436 Overpass.

Ms. Gennell asked who the staff liaison to the Central Florida Zoo in Sanford was. Mr. Lichtenheld said that Lenor Bromberg had been in contact with the zoo. Ms. Gennell wondered if the committee is in continuous contact and asked that a status report be made at the next meeting.

Mr. Lichtenheld commented on a question Ms. Giltner had recently asked about funding for Red Bug Overpass. The combined cost for the Seminole County overpasses planned for the near future is 4 million dollars.

### **New Business (continued):**

#### **Equestrian Survey:**

Ms. Giltner reported on a survey which was initialized by the BCC. In the survey staff had asked individual equestrian users about their needs and suggestions for improvement. The final results will be presented by staff at the next meeting.

Mr. Cooper made a motion that the committee suggest to the Board of County Commissioners to make Wiley Dykes a lifetime member of the Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee in order to honor his service and commitment, but also open position to someone else. Mr. Dykes' health is deteriorating and he had not been able to attend the meetings regularly for some time. The motion was seconded by Ms. Giltner and passed unanimously. The chairman will draft a letter with assistance from Mr. Lichtenheld.

The committee decided to visit the Black Hammock area on October 27, 2005 as part of a field trip scheduled for the month of October in lieu of a business meeting.

Details will be made available by staff in advance.

**Next meeting (Field Trip): Thursday, October 27, 2005 (Black Hammock Wilderness Area) – More information to follow.**